

REMARKS

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the claims to present allowable claims and to correct instances of improper antecedent basis. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 7, 14, 23 and 31 contain allowable subject matter if rewritten to include all the limitations of the claims from which they each originally depended. Claims 7, 14, 23 and 31 have been so amended and claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8, 13, 15-22, 26-27 and 30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims that depended upon one of the cancelled claims have been amended accordingly. In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 23-25, 28, 29 and 31 are now in condition for allowance, and request allowance of said claims. Furthermore, Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 12 and 32-44.

SUMMARY

Claims 12 and 32-44 are allowed. Claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 23-25, 28, 29 and 31 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300.

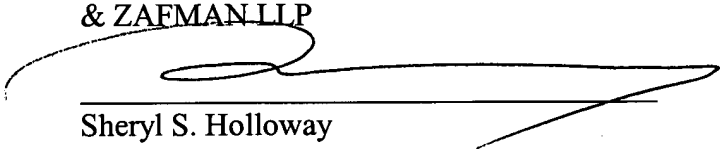
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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